

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: February 3, 2017

Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) will be meeting Monday, February 6th to complete plans for the Sock Donation and Sockball Fight. The Sockball Fight is scheduled for Monday, February 20th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Armory. The YAC will also be discussing proposed legislation being considered at the legislature regarding Nitrous Oxide and Tobacco 21.

Chamber of Commerce Annual Business Meeting

The Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce will be holding their Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday, February 15th at noon at the Village Green. All members of the Chamber are invited to the Annual Business Meeting. Any City Councilors that desire to attend the Business Meeting should contact the City Manager's office before next Friday so we can reserve your lunch.

Equipment Sold at Brasher's Auction

In late January, Public Works sold an assortment of equipment, small tools, vehicle parts, building and electrical supplies, and pumps, at Brasher's Northwest Auto Auction, that were worn-out and of no further use to the City. The City netted \$2,062.80 from the sale of this surplus equipment. The City makes use of Brasher's Auction on a regular basis because it satisfies the requirement that the City provide public notice concerning the availability of surplus items and, it allows us to sell multiple pieces of equipment at the same time.

Parking Lot Striping

This week, Public Works contracted with Western Asphalt to re-stripe the parking lots at City Hall, across the street from City Hall, Middlefield Golf Course, and the parking areas at Coiner Park near the tennis and basketball courts. Western Asphalt striped the parking stalls, applied the handicapped parking symbols as needed, and applied restrictive parking verbiage where required. The two City parking lots, located between Whiteaker and Gibbs Avenues at 7th and 8th Streets, will be striped after the curb stops are removed to accommodate a parking direction change from 90 degree to angle parking.

Homeless Camp Clean-up

Late last week, Public Works contracted with Northwest Hazmat to clean-up a particularly nasty homeless camp under the Main Street Bridge. The camp had been there for some time and was not readily visible from street level. There was the usual trash, blankets, garbage, food waste, metals, and human waste. The area was not accessible to equipment so, the entire clean-up had to be performed by hand. It took Northwest Hazmat 14 hours to clean-up the site and dispose of all the material. These homeless camps pose a danger to clean-up crews because of the potential presence of needles, sharps, and human waste, in addition to, the usual garbage and litter. The City spends a great deal of staff time and money for the clean-up and disposal of materials coming from the various homeless camps that spring-up around the City.

New Cottage Grove Police Officer

The Cottage Grove Police Department welcomes their newest officer, Thomas Roberts. He will start on February 16, 2017 and begin the training program. He graduated from the DPSST Basic Police Academy in August of 2015. This will now make the department fully staffed. A swearing-in ceremony will be set at a future date.

Quote of the Week

“Listen and silent are spelled with the same letters. Think about that.”

~Daily Inspirational Quotes~